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In re application: Hays, Jr., et al.

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RESPONSECommissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 21, 2003, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-9 (Invention I identified by the Examiner in the Office Action). This election is made with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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